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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, MAY 20, 1999

APPLICATION OF

GTE SOUTH INCORPORATED

CASE NO. PUC990004

To implement extended local
service from its Richlands exchange
to Bell Atlantic-Virginia, Inc.'s
Lebanon exchange

FINAL ORDER

On January 7, 1999, GTE South Incorporated ("GTE" or "the Company") filed an application with the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") pursuant to the provisions of § 56-484.2 of the Code of Virginia. GTE proposed to notify its Richlands exchange customers of the increases in monthly rates that would be necessary to extend their local service to include the Lebanon exchange of Bell Atlantic-Virginia, Inc. ("BA-VA"). Customers in the Lebanon exchange previously had petitioned the Commission for local calling to Richlands. In a poll conducted in response to the petition, the majority of Lebanon customers responding to the poll supported paying higher rates for local calling to Richlands. A poll of Richlands subscribers in response to this application was not required under § 56-484.2(A) of the Code of Virginia because the proposed rate

increase does not exceed 5% of the existing monthly one-party residential rate.

By order dated February 4, 1999, the Commission directed GTE to publish notice of the proposed increase. Affected telephone customers were given until April 12, 1999, to file comments or to request a hearing on the proposal. No comments or requests for hearing were received. On April 8, 1999, GTE filed proof of notice as required by the Commission's Order of February 4, 1999.

On April 30, 1999, the Commission's Staff submitted its report regarding the Company's application. The Staff recommended that GTE's application to implement extended local service from its Richlands exchange to BA-VA's Lebanon exchange be approved. Accordingly,

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

(1) The proposed extension of local service from GTE's Richlands exchange to BA-VA's Lebanon exchange shall be implemented.

(2) The two companies shall file the tariff revisions necessary for the proposed extension of local service.

(3) Since there is nothing further to come before the Commission, this docket is closed and the papers filed herein shall be placed in the file for ended causes.